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Date *1-14-16*

TO: The Deputy Secretary
 FROM: H - Brian Atwood
 SUBJECT: Briefing Paper for the Deputy Secretary/PRC
 Meeting on Argentina

We have received, literally at the eleventh hour, a draft briefing paper for you to use at a PRC meeting on Argentina scheduled for Wednesday, May 14. The central issue posed by the options paper is whether we should consider improving relations with Argentina, particularly by permitting the sale of military training to Argentina.

I very much regret that this paper was sent to H so late *de novo process*. To permit military training to Argentina, as is recommended by ARA, will require *[as note]* modification of the Humphrey/Kennedy Amendment which prohibits various kinds of military sales to Argentina. *First*, from a practical standpoint it is probably already too late to ask Congress to act on this. *This year* Normally speaking, the most appropriate vehicle for amending the Humphrey/Kennedy Amendment would be the FY 81 Foreign Assistance Authorization Bill. This bill has already been marked up and reported by the two foreign realtions committees of both Houses.

and It is expected that the House will begin debate on this bill next Monday with votes to be expected possibly on Tuesday, and the Senate will take up the bill sometime shortly thereafter. At this point, therefore, the Administration would be required to send up special legislation *and* which would require hearings *new* markups and would attract a great deal of attention.

While my staff has not taken any soundings on this specific issue, I am not optimistic as to how the ~~Senate~~ ^{Congress} would react to such an Administration proposal. Predictably, liberals will oppose any sign that the Administration is weakening its human rights stance toward Argentina; while ^{some} conservatives are likely ^{may} react negatively in view of recent Argentine statements and actions on the issue of the grain embargo to the Soviet Union.

More importantly, I fear that a shift of policy now would assume a political symbolism that goes well beyond the character of the decision itself. I think we must assume that Senator Kennedy, an author of the amendment, will make this into a campaign issue. Editorial writers and Administration watchers are likely to interpret ~~the decision~~ ^{our action} as a watershed decision representing a new direction in the Administration's policy. There will undoubtedly be speculation that the decision be ^{influenced and} ~~arising from the arrival of a~~ ^{a reflection of new policy} attitudes of the new Secretary.

I strongly urge that if there is a strong desire to modify our policies toward Argentina, as suggested by ARA, that no final decision be taken until the new Secretary has been consulted.

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